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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-1808, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTION 41-1861, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12.1, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 41-1861; AMENDING SECTIONS 41-1862 AND 41-1863, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 27, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-3027.01; RELATING TO THE FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 15-1808, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 15-1808. Tuition waiver for child or spouse of peace officer,
5 correctional officer, firefighter, emergency
6 paramedic, national guard member or member of the
7 United States armed forces killed in the line of
8 duty; national guard members with disabilities;
9 United States armed forces members with
10 disabilities; definitions

11 A. The ARIZONA board of regents, after verification by the Arizona
12 peace officers memorial board, by the Arizona ~~fire fighters and emergency~~
13 ~~paramedics memorial board~~ FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, by the
14 adjutant general of the national guard or by the Arizona department of
15 veterans' services that a person is a child or a spouse of a peace
16 officer, correctional officer, ~~fire fighter~~ FIREFIGHTER, emergency
17 paramedic, national guard member or member of the United States armed
18 forces who was a resident of the state of Arizona or stationed in Arizona
19 and who was killed in the line of duty or who died from injuries suffered
20 in the line of duty while traveling to or from duty, shall provide the
21 person who qualifies under subsection B of this section and who otherwise
22 meets the qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship
23 at any university under the jurisdiction of the board. A district as
24 defined in section 15-1401, after verification by the Arizona peace
25 officers memorial board, by the Arizona ~~fire fighters and emergency~~
26 ~~paramedics memorial board~~ FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, by the
27 adjutant general of the national guard or by the Arizona department of
28 veterans' services that a person is the child or the spouse of a peace
29 officer, correctional officer, firefighter, emergency paramedic, national
30 guard member or member of the United States armed forces who was a
31 resident of Arizona or stationed in Arizona and who was killed in the line
32 of duty or who died from injuries suffered in the line of duty while
33 traveling to or from duty, shall provide the person who qualifies under
34 subsection B of this section and who otherwise meets the qualifications
35 for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any community college
36 under the jurisdiction of the district.

37 B. The tuition waiver scholarships shall be limited to children who
38 are thirty years of age or younger or a spouse who has not remarried and
39 shall be limited for a spouse or for any one child to ~~no~~ NOT more than
40 sixty-four credit hours at Arizona community colleges and a total number
41 of credits including any transfer credits from an Arizona community
42 college equal to the number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree
43 at Arizona universities for that student's initially declared course of
44 study.

1 C. A member of the Arizona national guard who received a purple
2 heart citation on or after September 11, 2001 or a former member of the
3 Arizona national guard who was medically discharged from the Arizona
4 national guard due to an injury or disability suffered during status under
5 title 10, United States Code, in weekend training status, in annual
6 training status or in response to a state of emergency declared by the
7 governor is eligible for a tuition waiver scholarship provided for in this
8 section.

9 D. The ARIZONA board of regents, after verification by the Arizona
10 department of veterans' services that a person is a member or former
11 member of the United States armed forces who received a purple heart
12 citation, who was a resident of the state of Arizona or was stationed in
13 Arizona at the time of the injury that resulted in the purple heart
14 citation and whose disability rating determined by the United States
15 department of veterans affairs is fifty ~~per cent~~ PERCENT or more, shall
16 provide the person who otherwise meets the qualifications for admission
17 with a tuition waiver scholarship at any university under the jurisdiction
18 of the board. A district as defined in section 15-1401, after
19 verification by the Arizona department of veterans' services that a person
20 is a member or former member of the United States armed forces who
21 received a purple heart citation, who was a resident of the state of
22 Arizona or was stationed in Arizona at the time of the injury that
23 resulted in the purple heart citation and whose disability rating
24 determined by the United States department of veterans affairs is fifty
25 ~~per cent~~ PERCENT or more, shall provide the person who otherwise meets the
26 qualifications for admission with a tuition waiver scholarship at any
27 community college under the jurisdiction of the district. A person who is
28 convicted of a felony is ineligible for a tuition waiver scholarship
29 provided for in this subsection.

30 E. For the purposes of this section:

31 1. "Correctional officer" means a person, other than an elected
32 official, who is employed by this state or a county, city or town and who
33 is responsible for the supervision, protection, care, custody or control
34 of inmates in a state, county or municipal correctional institution,
35 including counselors but excluding secretarial, clerical and
36 professionally trained personnel.

37 2. "Emergency paramedic" means a person who has been trained in an
38 emergency paramedic training program certified by the director of the
39 department of health services or in an equivalent training program and who
40 is certified by the director of the department of health services to
41 render services pursuant to section 36-2205.

42 3. "Firefighter" means a professional firefighter who is a member
43 of a state, federal, tribal, city, county, district or private fire
44 department.

1 1. ESTABLISH AN ACCEPTABLE SET OF STANDARDS FOR PERSONS TO BE
2 MEMORIALIZED ON THE ARIZONA FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL THAT IS LOCATED IN
3 WESLEY BOLIN PLAZA.

4 2. Determine those persons who are eligible to be memorialized.

5 3. Plan and provide for additions to and maintenance of the ~~fire~~
6 ~~fighters and emergency paramedics~~ ARIZONA FALLEN FIREFIGHTER memorial ON
7 AN ANNUAL BASIS.

8 4. Solicit private monetary donations or public monies from
9 municipalities for deposit in the Arizona ~~fire fighters and emergency~~
10 ~~paramedics~~ FALLEN FIREFIGHTER memorial fund.

11 ~~5. Receive property from any public source for use in establishing~~
12 ~~or maintaining the memorial.~~

13 ~~6. Report annually to the president of the senate and the speaker~~
14 ~~of the house of representatives on the progress of the memorial and shall~~
15 ~~provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director~~
16 ~~of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.~~

17 5. CONDUCT AN ANNUAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL SERVICE.

18 ~~7.~~ 6. Determine those persons who are eligible for the tuition
19 waiver scholarship pursuant to section 15-1808 and report the
20 determination to the GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND Arizona board of regents or to
21 each community college district governing board, as applicable.

22 B. THE COMMITTEE MAY ESTABLISH A SUBCOMMITTEE THAT IS APPOINTED BY
23 THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS FROM AND RECOMMEND
24 TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PERSONS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TUITION
25 WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-1808. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL
26 FORWARD ANY RECOMMENDATION FOR A TUITION WAIVER SCHOLARSHIP TO THE
27 COMMITTEE FOR APPROVAL.

28 C. THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET EVERY JANUARY AND MAY. THE COMMITTEE
29 MAY CONDUCT ADDITIONAL MEETINGS IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY.

30 Sec. 6. Section 41-1863, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
31 read:

32 41-1863. Arizona fallen firefighter memorial fund

33 A. ~~An~~ THE Arizona ~~fire fighters and emergency paramedics~~ FALLEN
34 FIREFIGHTER memorial fund is established. The fund shall consist of
35 monies received as donations as provided for in this article. On notice
36 from the ~~board~~ COMMITTEE, the state treasurer shall invest and divest
37 monies in the Arizona ~~fire fighters and emergency paramedics~~ FALLEN
38 FIREFIGHTER memorial fund as provided by section 35-313, and monies earned
39 from investment shall be credited to the fund. The monies in the fund are
40 exempt from section 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

41 B. The state treasurer shall pay the costs and expenses authorized
42 by this article from the monies available in the Arizona ~~fire fighters and~~
43 ~~emergency paramedics~~ FALLEN FIREFIGHTER memorial fund on certification to
44 the state treasurer by the ~~chairman~~ CHAIRPERSON of the Arizona fire

1 ~~fighters and emergency paramedics memorial board~~ FALLEN FIREFIGHTER
2 MEMORIAL COMMITTEE that the amount requested is owed for a valid purpose.

3 Sec. 7. Title 41, chapter 27, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes,
4 is amended by adding section 41-3027.01, to read:

5 41-3027.01. Arizona fallen firefighter memorial committee;
6 termination July 1, 2027

7 A. THE ARIZONA FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TERMINATES ON
8 JULY 1, 2027.

9 B. TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12.1, ARTICLE 3 AND THIS SECTION ARE REPEALED
10 ON JANUARY 1, 2028.

11 Sec. 8. Purpose

12 Pursuant to section 41-2955, subsection E, Arizona Revised Statutes,
13 the legislature establishes the Arizona fallen firefighter memorial
14 committee to memorialize fallen firefighters and determine those persons
15 who are eligible for tuition waiver scholarships pursuant to section
16 15-1808, Arizona Revised Statutes.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 21, 2017.

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Passed the House February 8, 20 17

by the following vote: 59 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

☒ Pro Tempore

[Signature]
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 13, 20 17

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

15th day of March, 20 17

at 4:02 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 21st day of

March, 20 17

at 10:32 o'clock A M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 21 day of March, 20 17

at 4:51 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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